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SUBJECT: KFOR UPDATE: TURKS LIFT VIRTUALLY ALL CAVEATS

REF: A. ANKARA 4269

[1](#)B. STATE 162868

Classified By: CDA Robert S. Deutsch for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) On August 3, Alper Coskun, MFA Director for NATO and Euro-Atlantic Defense and Security Affairs, notified PolMilOff that Turkey has lifted all/all national caveats on its forces operating in both KFOR and SFOR save one: National (i.e., parliamentary) approval would be required to act outside the PSO's AOR. That is, Turkish KFOR troops can only operate in Kosovo, SFOR troops in Bosnia.

[1](#)2. (C) Comment: This decision clearly originated with the Turkish military (see ref a). At the next opportunity, SACEUR Gen. Jones and/or AF South ADM Johnson might express appreciation to CHOD Gen. Ozkok and/or DCHOD Gen. Basbug.
End comment.
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